

GROUND RULES IN SOFTBALL

2010 PALARONG PAMBANSA

1. The game of Softball for both Elementary and Secondary should be played for:
 - a. Five (5) innings in the elimination round with the application of the ten-runs-rule; and
 - b. Seven (7) innings for placement games without using the ten-runs-rule but may be ended before the required 7 innings if one of the teams concede.
 - c. In case of Play-Off, the game shall be played for five (5) innings only.

2. The twelve (12) players, one (1) coach, and one (1) chaperon are the only ones allowed to be on the bench. NO trainer is allowed to sit on the bench.

Violation of this rule shall be dealt with:

- a. 1st offense – warning
 - b. 2nd offense – ejection of the pitcher
 - c. 3rd offense – forfeiture of the game in favor of the opponent
3. Only the DH-Rule shall be used, and NOT the DP-Rule.
4. The Intentional Walk Rule shall be implemented.
5. The Tie-Breaker Rule shall be enforced.
6. Only Drag-Pitch may be used. Jump Pitch shall NOT be allowed.
7. Pitcher hitting batters by a pitched ball:
 - a. If the pitcher hits three (3) batters in an inning, he/she shall be ejected from the pitching position but may still play in other positions.
 - b. If the pitcher hits five (5) batters during a game, he/she shall be ejected from the pitching position but may still play in other positions.
8. Only bats marked as Official Softball Bat may be used.
9. Borrowing/exchange of uniforms shall NOT be allowed. Anybody caught using another's number during the progress of the game shall be put out and be ejected from the game.
10. Only the Official Coach, Chaperon, or a designated player may direct the team during the progress of the game, and should be wearing the same uniform as the players.
11. The Law of Immediate Succession shall be observed. Only the first games in the morning and afternoon shall be given fixed time schedules. Games that follow shall start shortly after the end of the preceding game.

12. Default – All teams shall be given a fifteen (15) minute grace period before being declared in-default.
13. Disputed Call – When a coach or a player of either team questions the judgement of the umpire:
 - a. a warning shall be given for the first offense.
 - b. shall be ejected from the game on the second offense.
14. Conferences
 - a. Defensive Conference – only three (3) calls to confer in the whole duration of the game or even in one inning shall be allowed.
 - b. Offensive Conference – only one (1) call to confer in every inning shall be allowed.
 - c. Excessive number of conferences will mean removal of the coach or players who insist to extend conferences.
15. Appeal – The proper way of making an appeal shall be observed. Shouting at the umpire shall NOT be allowed.
 - a. Warning shall be given for the first shouting offense.
 - b. Ejection from the game for the second shouting offense.
16. Protest – The standard procedures in filing a protest must strictly be followed.

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